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Amendment to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for receiving performance information over a network for generating a pseudo-live performance, the method comprising:
 - detecting a need for the performance information by ~~determining a time of a previous information reception event, detecting a status of a storage device, and accessing a profile~~ determining that stored performance information is out-of-date;
 - selecting a process for obtaining the needed performance information;
 - executing the process for obtaining the needed performance information; and
 - generating the pseudo-live performance by mixing information corresponding to one or more portions of the needed performance information with other information.
2. (Canceled)
3. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
accessing a profile, wherein the profile indicates one or more of:
 - a type of information desired by an end-user;
 - a schedule of an end-user; and
 - scheduled times at which information is transmitted by a performance transmitter.
4. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the selecting a process comprises determining whether a performance transmitter can receive an information request.

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5. (Original) The method of claim 4, wherein the determining whether a performance transmitter can receive an information request comprises one or more of:
 - transmitting a query signal to the performance transmitter;
 - passively receiving a signal from the performance transmitter; and
 - accessing a profile.
6. (Original) The method of claim 4, further comprising:
 - generating an information request; and
 - transmitting the request to the performance transmitter via the network.
7. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the selecting a process comprises determining an appropriate time to receive information from a performance transmitter.
8. (Canceled)
9. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein ~~the step of~~ generating the pseudo-live performance comprises:
 - retrieving the other information;
 - decoding one or more commands of the other information; and
 - performing one or more tasks instructed by the commands.
10. (Original) The method of claim 9, wherein the one or more commands includes one or more of programming commands that execute a software program, housekeeping commands that load, delete, change or overlay stored information, and performance commands that reproduce stored information from one or more specified locations of a storage device.

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11 - 13. (Canceled)

14. (Currently Amended) A pseudo-live performance generator, comprising a controller that:

detects a need for performance information by determining ~~a time of a previous information reception event, detecting a status of a storage device, and accessing a profile that stored performance information is out-of-date;~~

selects a process for obtaining the needed performance information;

executes the process; and

generates the pseudo-live performance by mixing information corresponding to one or more portions of the needed performance information with other information.

15. (Canceled)

16. (Currently Amended) The pseudo-live performance generator of claim 14, further comprising:

accessing a profile, wherein the profile indicates one or more of:

a type of information desired by an end-user;

a schedule of an end-user; and

scheduled times at which information is transmitted by a performance transmitter.

17. (Original) The pseudo-live performance generator of claim 14, wherein the controller determines whether a performance transmitter can receive an information request.

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18. (Currently Amended) The pseudo-live performance generator of claim 17, wherein the controller performs one or more of:
- transmitting a query signal to the performance transmitter; and
 - passively receiving a signal from the performance transmitter; and accessing a profile.
19. (Original) The pseudo-live performance generator of claim 17, further comprising:
- a request generator that generates an information request, wherein the controller transmits the request to the performance transmitter via the network.
20. (Original) The pseudo-live performance generator of claim 14, wherein the controller determines an appropriate time to receive information from a performance transmitter.
21. (Canceled)
22. (Previously Presented) The pseudo-live performance generator of claim 14, wherein the controller:
- retrieves the other information;
 - decodes one or more commands of the other information; and
 - performs one or more tasks instructed by the commands.
23. (Original) The pseudo-live performance generator of claim 22, wherein the one or more commands includes one or more of programming commands that execute a software program, housekeeping commands that load, delete, change or overlay stored information, and performance commands that reproduce stored information from one or more specified locations of a storage device.

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24. (Canceled)

25. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein determining that the stored program information is out-of-date comprises:

transmitting a query to determine a time of a latest update of the stored performance information;

receiving the time of latest update of the stored performance information in response to the transmitting of the query;

accessing a time-stamp of the stored performance information; and

determining whether the time-stamp of the stored performance information matches the time of the latest update of the stored performance information.

26. (New) The pseudo-live performance generator of claim 14, wherein the controller determining that the stored performance information is out-of-date comprises:

accessing a time of a latest update of the stored performance information;

accessing a time-stamp of the stored performance information; and

determining whether the time-stamp of the stored performance information matches the time of the latest update of the stored performance information.

27. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein the performance information includes multimedia performance information.

28. (New) The pseudo-live performance generator of claim 14, wherein the performance information includes multimedia performance information.